

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A memory card connector, comprising:
an insulating housing defining a front receptacle area communicating with an interior cavity for receiving a memory card;
a plurality of terminals mounted on the housing in a side-by-side array transversely
5 across a rear of the housing, the terminals having contact portions at a rear of the cavity for engaging contacts on a top side of the memory card;
a sheet metal shell covering at least a portion of the insulating housing and including a cover plate overlying at least a portion of said cavity, the shell having a wrong insertion-proof projection formed out of said cover plate and extending downwardly into the cavity and into
10 a slot in the top of the memory card when the card is properly inserted into the cavity, the projection preventing an erroneously inserted memory card from engaging the contact portions of the terminals, and the projection being bent into elbow-shaped cross-sectional configuration to prevent scarring or cracking of the memory card when erroneously inserted into the cavity.
2. The memory card connector of claim 1 wherein said wrong insertion-proof projection is bent into a generally U-shaped configuration.
3. The memory card connector of claim 1 wherein said wrong insertion-proof projection is bent into a generally L-shaped configuration.
4. The memory card connector of claim 1 wherein said wrong insertion-proof projection is bent into a generally J-shaped configuration.
5. The memory card connector of claim 1 wherein said wrong insertion-proof projection is bent into a generally V-shaped configuration.
6. The memory card connector of claim 1 wherein said sheet metal shell includes a pair of depending opposite side walls integral with opposite longitudinal edges of said cover plate.

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7. The memory card connector of claim 6 wherein said side walls include mounting tabs bent outwardly at bottom edges of the walls for mounting the connector on a circuit board.